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FREE EDUCATION TO SINGLE GIRL CHILD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education has made changes in the scheme of providing free education to the single girl child.;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the changes;

(c) the details of the single girl child beneficiaries of this scheme during each of the last three years, State and union Territory-wise;

(d) whether this change is likely to cause adverse effects on the scheme of free education to single girl child; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b): According to the information furnished by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the scheme for girl children who are the only children of their parents studying in CBSE affiliated private schools was introduced by way of full fee waiver from class-VI onwards. Many schools had objected to this and subsequently filed a writ petition in High Court of Delhi, and got stay on the operation of the scheme. The scheme, therefore, has been modified with introduction of a scholarship scheme in 2006-07 for `single girl child studying in classes XI and XII.

(c): State/UT-wise details of beneficiaries covered under the scholarship scheme for classes XI and XII are given in the Annexure.

(d) and (e); The scholarship scheme is meant to encourage and reward meritorious single girl students at the higher secondary stage.